

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of Claims 16 and 17 in the above-identified application. Applicants have made some minor amendments to the claims so to correct informalities therein and so that the claims clearly claim the present invention.

As a RCE is being filed herewith, it is respectfully requested that this amendment now be entered.

In accordance with the discussion at the interview of November 18, 2004, Applicants will formally repeat its position, which the Examiner agreed during the interview overcomes the Examiner's remaining rejection in the Office Action.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §103

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejects Claims 1-7, 11, 12, 15, 18 and 19 under 35 USC §103(a) as being obvious over Suzawa et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants do not agree with the Examiner's contention that it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to replace a n-channel TFT with a p-channel TFT. However, in order to advance the prosecution of this application, Applicants have amended independent Claims 1, 12 and 18 to recite wherein a first angle formed by a bottom surface and a side surface of the first conductive layer is larger than a second angle formed by a bottom surface and a side surface of the second conductive layer.¹

¹ In accordance with the Examiner's request at the interview, Applicants are amending the specification to recite the feature added to the independent claims. As the Examiner agreed, such feature is clearly disclosed in the drawings of the application as filed.

Applicants respectfully submit that such a feature is not disclosed or suggested by Suzawa. During the interview of November 18, 2004, the Examiner agreed with Applicants that the claims as amended define over Suzawa. Therefore, these independent claims and those claims dependent thereon are patentable over the cited reference. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

New Claims

Applicants are adding new dependent Claims 37-50. Each of these claims is allowable for at least the reasons discussed above for the independent Claims.

Please charge our deposit account 50/1039 for any fee due for these new claims.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants are preparing an information disclosure statement to cite references which may have some relevance to present invention. While Applicants believe that the claimed invention is patentable over these references, the references are being cited out of an abundance of caution. Applicants will have this IDS finished in the very near future and respectfully request that the Examiner enter and consider the IDS before issuing any further action on the application.

Conclusion


It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and should be allowed.

If any fee is due for this response, please charge our deposit account 50/1039.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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